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# THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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★ A Miracle of Grace

★ The Mission Fields – As I Saw Them!

★ True Biblical Unity Versus False Ecumenical Syncretism

★ Daily Vacation Bible Schools – How Important Are They?



## On The Front Cover . . .

*in this issue of the Ohio Independent Baptist there are pictures showing the Bethel Baptist Church of South Toledo . . . an exterior view of the front of the building, an interior view of the main auditorium, the present congregation and the pastor, Rev. Clifford Boessel.*

*We personally feel it was a good day when, as an Association, the O.A.R.B.C. engaged the services of Brother Earl Umbaugh as their State Missionary for Ohio. This dear brother has worked tirelessly with his Program of Propagation, seeking to establish new churches.*

*One such church that has come into being is the Bethel Baptist Church of South Toledo, of which Rev. Clifford Boessel is the Pastor. There is cause for rejoicing as one considers the development and growth of this work. Our prayer is that it shall be duplicated many times over in the days ahead! Read the following and rejoice!*

The Bethel Baptist Church of South Toledo came into being through the combined efforts of our State Missionary, the North Bethel Association, and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo. In fact, it was the Emmanuel Baptist Church that supplied the nucleus for the work. Bro. Umbaugh spent many hours in helping this work get off to a good start.

The first services were held in Maumee, Ohio on March 23, 1965 in the American Legion quarters in Maumee. Later the Lord provided adequate meeting quarters in the I.O.O.F. building in South Toledo. The church met here for a period of ten months, during which time five and one-third acres of land were purchased on Glendale Avenue. A building program was begun immediately!

The first unit was completed in January of 1966. However, this was outgrown in a very short time so that the plans for a second unit were proposed to, and accepted by, the church.

This new unit has been completed. It is sufficiently large to seat 250 people. The grounds have been landscaped, and a black-top drive and parking lot greatly enhance the property which in turn is a good testimony in the community.

Membership now totals 71. This is an increase of 35. Fifteen of these were by baptism. The last three months of 1966 the Sunday School attendance averaged 109 with an over-all average of 82 for the entire year. The biggest attendance at any one service was 154. Ten were baptized recently at a Sunday evening service.

Writing concerning the work, Pastor Boessel said "Without the faithful support of the North Bethel Association in the Program of Propagation this church would not be operative today! This new church has in turn taken on the support of three other works in this program along with supporting the State Missionary, to whom these folk feel a great debt of gratitude."

During the month of March, your editor had the privilege of seeing this lovely new church building. It is beautiful! He attended a meeting of the North Bethel Association of our O.A.R.B.C. fellowship which was held there. Some 45 or 50 were in attendance. Hearts were blessed through a message on prayer delivered by Rev. George L. Nulph of Galesburg, Illinois. Brother Nulph was engaged in special meetings at the First Baptist Church in Findlay where Rev. Fred Crown, Jr. is pastor.

At this meeting the North Bethel Association elected the following new officers: Moderator — Rev. Clifford Boessel; Vice-Moderator — Rev. Larry D. Engle; Sec'y-Treas. — Rev. Bruce N. Stewart and Youth Director — Mr. Michael Hooks.

Anyone driving in the vicinity of South Toledo ought to take time to see this lovely new building which stands as a testimony to the glory of God!

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## Council of Ten

The members of the Council of Ten for our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will meet this month — April 24 and 25 in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Donald Sewell is host pastor.

## Men's Retreat At Camp Patmos May 25, 26 and 27

Last year we had a wonderful time at the Men's Retreat which was held at beautiful Scioto Hills. This year it will be even better! **FIRST** — note the change of dates. They are May 25, 26 and 27. The *Retreat* will begin Thursday noon and continue through Saturday noon. It seemed that more men preferred having it earlier in the year! **SECOND** — note the change of place. It is to be held at Camp Patmos. The accommodations there are very good. **THIRD** — note who they've obtained as speaker — **DR. ROBERT T. KETCHAM!** This, in itself, should make every man in our fellowship want to attend. You can't get better Bible teaching anywhere! Along with his Bible messages, Dr. Ketcham will have something to say concerning his recent journey around the world.

The cost is but \$10.00. We encourage you to send your money right away to Rev. Dean Henry, MEN'S RETREAT Registrar, Brown St. Baptist Church, 541 Brown St., Akron, Ohio — 44311.

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## Dr. Paul Jackson in Ohio

Dr. Paul Jackson, National Representative of our GARBC, will be speaking at the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, on Sunday morning, April 16. In the evening of the same day, he will minister at the Maranatha Baptist Church, Springfield. On Monday through Wednesday, April 17-19, he will be speaking at the chapel services held in Cedarville College. His ministry, we are confident, will be a blessing to all.

## Hebrew-Christian Conference

A strictly Hebrew-Christian Missionary Conference will be held at the Berea Baptist Church April 16-19. Speakers will include Dr. Moses Gitlin, Miss Florence Hagen, Ron Huth, Rev. G. Smelser, Rev. Paul Tidball and Rev. Leeland Crotts. Dr. and Mrs. Gitlin have just recently returned from a 27 day visit to Israel. The film "Let My People Go" will be shown on Monday evening, April 17. This film has to do with the restoration of Israel as a nation. Rev. Earl Willetts, pastor of the church, extends a welcome to everyone to attend.

## OARBC Pastoral Changes

Just before sending our copy to the printer we learned of a few more changes made in our OARBC fellowship. If you're endeavoring to keep your Ohio Directory up to date, then note the following. . .

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## On The Air !

The Immanuel Baptist of Arcanum is expanding its ministry through the medium of radio. Their forty-five minute broadcast can be heard each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 over radio station WDRK in Greenville. It is called *The Immanuel Hour* and will feature gospel singing and preaching. Brother Allen writes, . . . "It is our desire that through this new ministry, we here at Immanuel Baptist, might share with the listening audience of WDRK the ministry that we have been privileged to have in our fundamental, Bible believing, gospel preaching, local New Testament church. This radio station reaches out into an area of over one million people . . . in and around Darke County.

## Holds Missionary Conference

Members and friends of the Mid-view Baptist Church, Grafton were greatly blessed through their missionary conference. Guest speakers were Dave Gardner of the Philippines, Willard Benedict who is a missionary appointee to East Pakistan and Rev. Donald Sewell, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo. Brother Sewell is a member of the A.B.W.E. board.

## Good Report On Meetings

Evangelist Don Winters just recently completed eight days of meetings at the Grace Baptist Church in Sunbury. Pastor Holmes reports that the meetings were well attended. Decisions were made for salvation, baptism and church membership. Many hearts were drawn closer to Him!

## Sweetheart Banquet

Each year around Valentine's Day, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo holds a Sweetheart Banquet for its youth. The theme was "Hearts For Him." Guest speaker, Rev. Bruce Stewart of Bowling Green, brought an excellent message. A queen and her court were chosen. The queen for this banquet was Miss Beverlee Mason.

## New Vienna Pastor Ordained

Rev. Roy Ramsey was just recently ordained at the First Baptist Church, New Vienna, Ohio where he serves as pastor. Those present at his ordination were impressed with his fine presentation of doctrinal truth. He was commended for the way in which he handled himself maintaining a sweet Christian spirit throughout the questioning service.

## Accepts Call To Indiana Church

Our brother Rev. Paul Mayo has recently accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church of Kewanna, Indiana. Brother Mayo pastored in two of our O.A.R.B.C. churches — Berlin Heights and Sunbury. We wish him the Lord's best in his new work. Their new mailing address is Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayo, Box 187, Kewanna, Indiana — 46939.

## Special Services

Bethlehem Baptist of Cleveland held a series of special Sunday Evening services during the month of March. Guest speakers were Jack Wyrzten, Rev. Lester Pipkin, a Baptist Christian School and a men's Glee Club from the Moody Bible Institute. Pastor Clark spoke at the morning services.

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# DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

## How Important Are They?

( A Round Table Discussion )

Recently a group of pastors of the West Moriah Fellowship (Columbus area) held a most interesting discussion regarding Daily Vacation Bible Schools. They set up a tape recorder and made a recording of their entire meeting. In this article, we have listed only some of their more pertinent remarks. It is quite interesting to note the wide variance of opinion on the part of these men.

Perhaps YOU as a reader might have something you would like to say. We solicit your comments. How important do you feel Daily Vacation Bible Schools are? Our only request is that your replies be as brief as possible. We reserve the right to edit lengthy replies, printing only those remarks which we feel are most vital to the question. Space is at a premium!

THOMPSON:

"Our own attempts to follow up prospects discovered through DVBS have not resulted in reaching one new family."

"The Sunday School should be doing what DVBS is being called upon to do."

"Let's split DVBS classes, the saved and unsaved in separate classes."

BOSWORTH:

"A survey of results of DVBS over the past six years in our churches has revealed an average total cost of \$109.00 per school. We averaged 10 decisions for salvation each year."

"We have reached new families, we have been able to follow up those saved in most cases, we have seen positive, fruitful results."

"Let me read from a book entitled, 'Vacation Bible School Guide' by Homer L. Grice, page 15 to illustrate why some would do away with DVBS—

We have the buildings. We have the church members, we have the teaching force. We have the money to care for the costs. What lack we yet? We lack consecration. We lack spiritual vigor. We lack in our love for children. We are unwilling people. We are unwilling to do the work necessary . . . to toil, sweat, agonize; unwilling to give up our ease; unwilling to study and prepare ourselves; unwilling, it

seems at times, to do much except talk of our perils, of our crime waves, of our spiritual ignorance, and find fault and criticize."

"None of us question the need for reaching children for Christ. If we can do it through DVBS then in my opinion it is worthwhile."

"The value of reaching one or two

ing in our church, yet we have averaged 10 per year in our DVBS. The cost of an evangelistic meeting is usually considerably more also."

"I cannot see where we can say that the cost is too high in either time, effort or money if we can see souls saved consistently through DVBS."



new families certainly offsets the fact that you have to baby sit for four or five others."

"There is a definite value in DVBS through contacts the pastor can make with the children. They need to know their pastor to have confidence in him and share their needs with him."

"There are values to the Sunday School in DVBS. It develops teachers, it discovers new teachers, it reaches new families."

"DVBS advertises the church. It opens new doors. It wins good will for the church."

"It is not often that we have ten people saved in an evangelistic meet-

PARVIN:

"I take the position that the DVBS is a waste of time and money."

"In ten years I have yet to see an increase in Sunday School or church attendance as a direct result of DVBS."

"The cost of DVBS for two weeks could be better invested in good equipment for 52 weeks of Sunday School."

"The more effective way of increasing Sunday School and Church attendance with the hope of reaching these people for Christ is by visitation evangelism every week."

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## Glimpses of Truth

from the

### Greek New Testament

By Dr. Geo. Lawlor

#### "CONTENDING"

Jude 3 places upon all true believers the responsibility to "earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints."

The word rendered in the A.V. "earnestly contend" is one of the most striking expressions in the Scriptures and is of the greatest significance and importance to the cause of Christ in these days of drifting theological trends and ecumenical apostasy. The Greek verb (infinitive *epagonidzesthai*) means: "to contend, struggle with strenuous effort and zeal." The thought is actually "to fight standing upon a thing which is assaulted and which the adversary wishes to take; and it is to fight so as to defend it and retain possession of it." This is precisely what the verb

means in its context in Jude's epistle. It occurs only here in the New Testament, and is exactly the expression which is necessary to convey to Christians all that is involved in contending for the faith. True believers are the soldiers of Jesus Christ who must do the fighting in this terrible conflict against apostasy, and we must all take our battle stations upon the faith, defending that great and blessed body of truth and retaining it at all costs.

From the root of the verb "contend" come the words "anguish, agony," the most severe struggles and emotions. The contending for the faith which has been committed to our charge and care amounts to a most severe and determined struggle, a conflict that will bring real suffering to us, both mental and physical, which may at times carry to the point of extreme pain and agony. It is not possible to say now just what exact forms the agonizings and sufferings of this conflict will assume in our time. We do not know the extremities to which this contending for the faith will take us. We do know what Jude says, and we know the words of Paul to Timothy: "Yea,

and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (II Tim 3:12) We know that standing true to the faith will cost us something.

We know this faith is under violent and vicious attack by the apostate in our day. Hence all true believers must take their places in the rank and exercise themselves in the conflict as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. The Christian faith is not the property of unbelievers; it is the saints to whom God has delivered this faith, and they alone. It is thus the high privilege and prime responsibility of believers to guard well this sacred deposit, to contend earnestly and strenuously for the holy faith committed to their trust, and to defend it as those who are its sole guardians. Since this holy faith comes down from one generation of the faithful to another generation of faithful ones, it means that each generation must hand it on uncorrupted, unperverted, still in its original truth. It is our constant and unchanging duty to faithfully pass on to those who follow us that which we have received in all its purity and power, and to give ourselves unreservedly to its preservation and defense.

## A Psalm and A Poem

By Ralph T. Nordlund

(Read PSALMS 11, 12 and 13 in your Bible first)

How long, O Lord, wilt Thou forget,  
And hide Thy face from me?  
How long my heart in sorrow fret,  
Shamed by the enemy?

Consider, Lord, and hear my cry,  
My way is dark and steep;  
Lighten mine eyes, lest I should die  
And sleep in death's long sleep.

Mine enemy would surely boast,  
"I have o'er him prevailed;"  
E'en now they taunt, this evil host,  
When I am sore assailed.

Thy mercy and salvation, Lord,  
Have been my trust and song;  
Thy blessings will I yet record  
In praises all day long.

Psalm 11, 12 and 13 all deal with the trial of suffering from the tongues of the ungodly, and so may have come out of a common experience in the life of David. In the Eleventh a sly tongue suggests that he had better flee to a mountain of safety; in the Twelfth a boastful tongue tempts him to feel that he is the only righteous man left; and in the Thirteenth a derisive tongue seeks to make him think that God will not hear and he might as well give up.

These three psalms remind us of some sly Pharisee who came from Jerusalem to suggest to Jesus that Herod was a fox and that he had better flee from Galilee; or the boastful Sadducees who so took for granted that they were in complete control that they could cast any one out of the synagogue who befriended Jesus; and of the priests who stood around the cross and scoffed at our suffering Saviour. If David and our Lord experienced such opposition from evil tongues, Christians should not be surprised if they receive the same treatment. The Thirteenth Psalm undoubtedly gives us the climax of temptation, for the trial of unanswered prayer is the hardest to bear. It even wrung a "Why" from our Saviour when He hung upon the cross.

Yet, for our encouragement we may notice that after four "how longs," David ends his psalm with a song of praise; and our Saviour ended His vigil on the cross by commending His spirit to His heavenly Father. "Weeping may endure for a night; but joy cometh in the morning."

The lesson for us to learn is that tears usually come before joy, if that joy is "the joy of the Lord." We have too much frivolous churchianity today, in which witticisms of the world furnish us with laughter, and we are told that Christians must never have a long face, but always laugh and smile (Laugh at the devil's jokes, told by a worldly preacher?!!!) Then when our laughter turns to weeping, as it surely will, we don't know what to do. How much better to do as David, weep first and pray and then sing a song of assurance!



# The Mission Fields

## As I Saw Them

By Mrs. R. T. Ketcham



Mrs. R. T. Ketcham

How does one describe the impact of missions and the hordes yet to be reached? To see people walking the streets, crowded literally by the thousands into one apartment house (at least 8 people to each 10 foot square room in Hong Kong) living out their hopeless lives is heart-breaking. We need one thousand missionaries to reach these lost ones — but we are too wrapped up in our own little affairs to send out the 104 who are ready to go. The faces of some of these people are unforgettable because of their despair — and there is no one to tell them of Christ.

There is the happy side of work that is being done.

In Japan we met in conference with many Japanese pastors and visited one local church. It was a blessing. Word comes to us of outstanding Christians. As is true on all the fields, the missionaries are dedicated, capable and greatly used.

In the Philippines one sees the impact of missionaries past and present. There are two training schools and their graduates are dedicated pastors and Bible women. In a conference at Bacolod, Negros, one Bible woman was jubilant. She works back in the mountains and has worked for two years or more without any regular support. Her people share their food and missionaries send occasional boxes of clothing. Now — her group of believers had voted to pay her a salary! It is 5 pesos per month. That is \$1.25 in our money. How much do those unneeded ice cream sodas cost? Some of the most triumphant Christians we have ever met are

Filipinos. We could write a book about them.

In Hong Kong the too few missionaries are reaching almost one thousand and refugee Chinese children through the roof-top schools. That is literally what they are. In two sections of Hong Kong they conduct school on the roof of an apartment building. They are regular day schools but with Bible teaching added. A number have professed to believe — but they go home to heathen families and have a difficult time. Please pray for this work.

Our main objective in this missionary journey was to visit our son, Dr. Donn Ketcham and his family in East Pakistan. The joy of reunion with them, we leave you to imagine. They lead busy lives. Donn is the only surgeon since Dr. Olsen is on furlough — and two days a week he and the nurses see the clinic patients. He is busy all day and sometimes called out by night. Between times at the hospital he may be repairing the car or boat motor. Kitty teaches the missionary kindergartners from 8:30 to 12:00 each day — cares for four lively children, and tries to finish her Bengali study. There are added tasks like teaching a lesson in Bengali to a Christian girl who, in turn, will pass it on in Chittagonian. Both Donn and Kitty are very tired — but happy in the work. They need prayer — as do others — for physical strength, wisdom and encouragement.

The hospital where they work is a tremendous tool in the hands of our Lord. The building itself is excellent but equipment is slow in arriving.

They order nothing until money is in hand to pay for it — then it may take months for it to arrive. For instance, broken bones are not unusual. Donn must set them by the "touch" method. God has given great success in this. Four days a week one sees long lines of people (75 to 125) waiting to be treated in the out-patient clinic. They all hear the Gospel from a native evangelist. Those who are hospitalized hear it daily — and see it demonstrated by doctors and nurses. It is very hard for them to comprehend the simplicity of faith in the One Who died for them — but God is able to open heart and mind.

There are some wonderful Christians. One young man has been beaten unconscious and only saved from death on several occasions by a miracle of God. Another, a Tipperah named Ansari, is as sweet a Christian as we know. He welcomed hunger and trouble because "I learn to know God better at these times." He has won a number of his tribe to Christ.

There is much to tell — but space forbids. Do pray for the missionaries. It is often slow and discouraging — so pray that their hearts will be encouraged. Pray, too, for those in language study. It is very difficult. Pray, pray, pray!!



Among Pakistani Believers



Dr. Ketcham and Ansari



# True Biblical Unity

VS

# False Ecumenical Syncretism

By Rev. Ben Jennings

In the study of theology, under the subject of grace, one will come to a heading entitled, *"The Means of Grace."* Under this heading one should learn the "means" used by God to deliver His grace to man. Different theological stripes teach different "means of grace." Some we accept, some we reject. This article is an attempt to set forth *"The Means of Unity."* In so doing we will use more Scripture than the words in John seventeen "that they all may be one." This verse is being misused, overused and abused by the Ecumenical group. Yet, in the same chapter there is a perfect "means of unity" presented. A "unity" that is not based upon full Scriptural authority is superficial. It can unite on the surface and separate at the core. The liberals present a "unity" that divides. Bible believers practice a separation that unites.

A one church proponent recently called The Ecumenical Movement *syncretism*. The Random House new unabridged dictionary says that syncretism is "The attempted reconciliation or union of different or opposing principles, practices, or parties." We must agree that the name fits the move. It is then by name and practice, an attempt to bring together all religions into one fold and under one banner. Regardless of their differences, it would unite —

Mennonite and Methodist,  
Lutherans and Latter Day Saints,  
Presbyterians and Pentecostals,  
Baptists and Brethren,  
Jews and Jehovah's Witnesses,  
Catholics and Cultists, and call it the Kingdom of God.

First of all, true unity must be based upon union with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is paramount. When, and only when we are united with Him do we have the first essential of Scriptural unity. Because —

## I. TRUE UNITY STEMS FROM THE SAME SOURCE.

"... They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:14

The present day unity move is

based upon a false assumption that all men are brothers and that God is the Father of all. But Jesus said: "The good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one." Mt. 13:38 He also said that the Son of Man sowed the good seed and that the Devil sowed the tares. Thus we have a divided world that stems from a divided source.

In John 8:23 Jesus said, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: Ye are of this world; I am not of this world." And again we have a divided group that stems from a divided source. "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Only those who are born from above can be united with the One who came from above. The world hated Jesus Christ, and it will hate all others who are born of Him. It is not possible to unite, in this world or the next those who did not *stem from the same source*.

## II. TRUE UNITY SEPARATES FROM THE SAME SYSTEM.

"I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world (system), even as I am not of the world." John 17:15-16

There are two separate and distinct systems operating in this world. One is Divine, the other is Satanic. One is from above, the other is from beneath. Thus our Lord prayed that His own might be kept from the evil one.

These two contrasting systems are seen today operating on three great battle fronts — political, intellectual and ecumenical. Communism leads Satan's army on the political front. Satanic rationalism, with its evolutionary theory, has set itself against Divine revelation on the intellectual front. Liberal theologians have set themselves against Bible believers on the ecumenical front.

I can still hear my mother saying "birds of a feather flock together." It should be no surprise when we

learn of the liberals aligning themselves with communism, atheistic evolution, and opposing fundamental Bible believers. It does shock and hurt however, when we learn that professed Bible believers cast their lot with them. "Come out from among them saith the Lord." *True Unity separates from the same systems.*

## III. TRUE UNITY — SANCTIFIES BY THE SAME SCRIPTURE

"Sanctify them through Thy truth Thy word is Truth — for their sakes I sanctify myself." John 17:17, 19

There are two conflicting systems in this world that must never merge. The Word of God has set them so. Let's face it — the Bible is both a sanctifier of men and a separator of men. One group is sanctified, set apart, by and through the Bible, while another is set against it. If men speak and act contrary to the Bible, it is because they have not been set apart by it. The false cults were not set apart by the Word of God but by the word of some man or woman. Neither are the liberals and modernists, who deny the virgin birth, the sacrificial atonement, the bodily resurrection and the second coming of our Lord, set apart by the Word of God.

There are those timid souls who can't discern, who say: "but they have scripture to prove their point." So do all the cults and isms. They all use enough of the dynamite of God's word to launch their unguided missiles. They could never get off the ground without it. But while they piously quote from holy writ, the distinguishing mark of being set apart by it is not found in them.

## IV. TRUE UNITY — SENDS INTO THE SAME SERVICE.

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18

True unity will engage the children of God in the same service that the Father sent the Son to do. If we can determine what His mission was, we should be able to determine what ours is. Hear Christ as He tells what He came to do and what He did not come to do. For our purpose we may learn as much from the negative as from the positive. In Matt. 10:34 He said, "I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword." He came to put the sword between that which stemmed from above and that which stemmed from beneath. He came to separate two irreconcilable systems. We could say, He did not come to unite men, but to divide men. The very heart of the gospel message is to call men out of darkness into light.



He also said that He did not come to judge the world. Jn. 12:47. But we live in a day when a group of religious humanists see and use the gospel solely as a panacea, to reconcile man to man. Hear Christ asking: "Who made me a judge among you?" His mission was to reconcile man to God. Reconciliation between men can only come when both have been reconciled to God. Who can imagine Jesus trying to get godless, ruthless Red China into the United Nations. How ridiculous! He can't even get in Himself, why should He be interested in getting Red China in? What was Christ's mission here? "He came to seek and to save that which was lost." He came to get men ready to meet God. When one is properly united with Him he is *sent into the same service*.

#### V. TRUE UNITY — SUBMERGES INTO THE SAME SPIRIT.

"That they all may be one . . . in us." John 17:21

Upon this verse the one church proponents base their plea for unity. They work for organizational unity, not Spirit submerging unity. I am fully convinced that the oneness of John 17:21 is not the doings of man but is the work of God. Unity therefore, is a *fruit*, not a *root*. Unity is the result of several identities. All who are united with God the Father and God the Son must also have *stemmed from the same source — separated from the same systems — be sanctified by the same scriptures and sent into the same service*. True unity cannot be broken at any point. In this respect it is like God's law — to break it in one place is to break the whole. Don't be confused, my friend. God has never, and will never, submerge all this world's religions into His Spirit. Man's attempt at unity without Him is foolish.

#### VI. TRUE UNITY — SEASONS WITH THE SAME SENTIMENT.

" . . . that the world may know that Thou hast sent me *and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me*." John 17:23

How wonderful to learn that our heavenly Father loves us as much as He loves His own Son. God invites us to "behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us." It was —

- Fatherly love — I Jn. 3:1
- Unmerited love — I Jn. 4:10
- Sacrificial love — Jn. 3:16
- Everlasting love — Jer. 31:3
- Incomprehensible love — Eph. 3:19
- Purifying love — Eph. 5:25-26
- Inseparable love — Rom. 8:35-39

It is the Father's desire that this world know that He loves us as He loves His Son. But this world does not know it. And much of the blame for the world's ignorance must rest upon those who have caused the religious confusion involved in ecumenism's syncretism.

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this age hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." II Cor. 4:3-4. Oh, for men and organizations that are seasoned with God's love until the world can sense it.

#### VII. TRUE UNITY WILL SHARE THE SAME SPLENDOR.

"The glory which Thou hast given me, I have given them." John 17:22  
It was Christ's desire that we might

see and share the glory which the Father had given to Him. Any reward or crown that we may earn will doubtless be cast at Jesus' feet when we behold, and share His splendor.

Paul cried: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18 Fret not thyself, true child of God. The day is coming and it won't be long, when our wonderful Lord will come and vindicate those who are saved and have separated themselves from the great apostasy. In that day He will let the world know that He loves us as He loved His Son. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43. Then those to whom He can say "well done," will *share His splendor* throughout all ages. Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

### Enrollment Increased

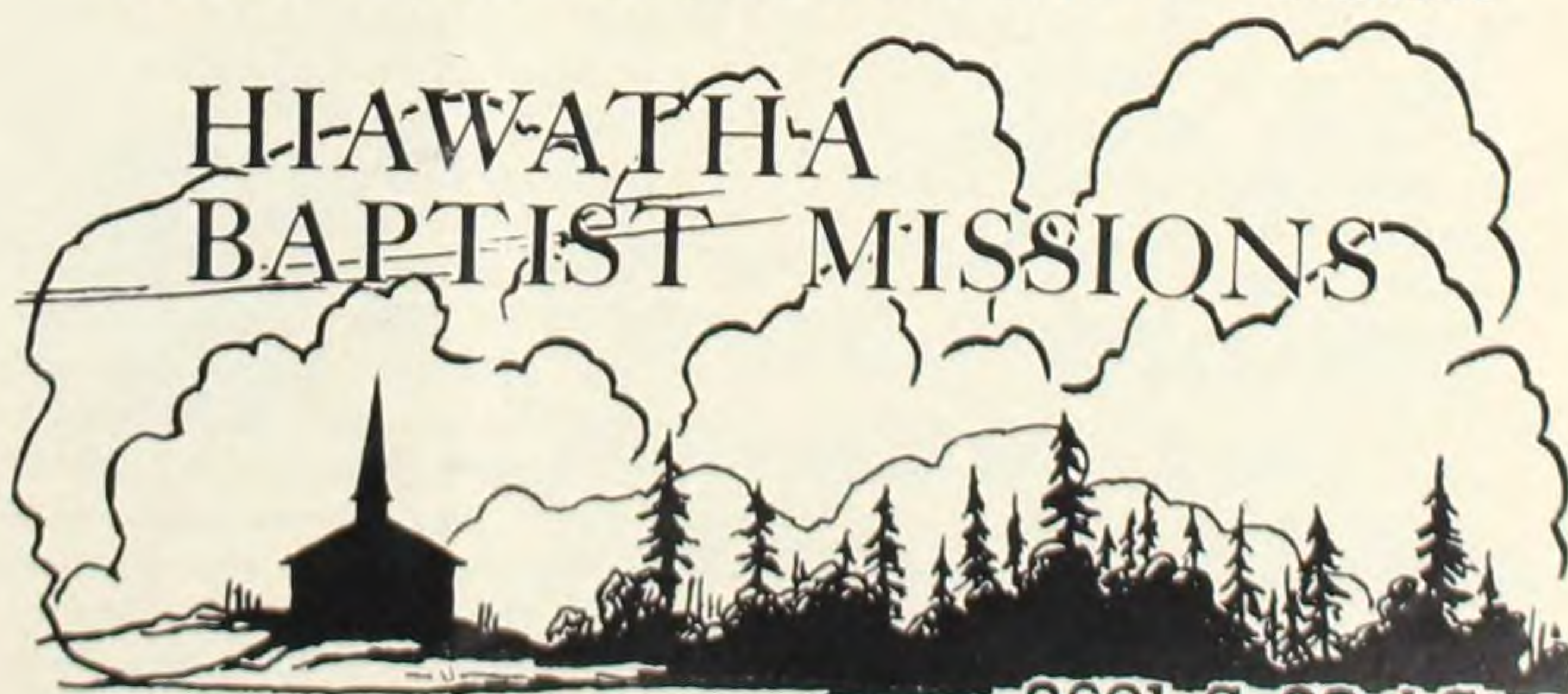
Western Baptist Bible College is both crowded and happy! Three hundred and seventeen students registered for the Fall Quarter and 309 for the Winter Quarter. Even though this is more than capacity, the spirit of the student body, faculty and staff has been good and morale high. Plans for improved facilities are completed and negotiations for financing and construction are under way.

Dr. Charles Woodbridge, well-known expositor and Bible teacher will be speaking at the school April 3-7. Senior Convocation and Commencement June 8 and 9 will feature Dr. Robert L. Powell, Tacoma, Washington as the speaker.

### Property Sold

A historical event for the Omaha Baptist Bible College was the sale of its present campus. The Nettleton Business College of Omaha (no relation to President Nettleton of O. B. B. C.) purchased the property for their school which will begin operating by September 15. This means that O.B.B.C. must move to Ankeny, Iowa, by this fall. Even though all of the buildings are not yet under construction, the Board of Directors of the college has taken this step of faith. They feel confident that the Lord, having led thus far, will not fail to supply the necessary finances to complete construction for the new campus!

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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

Mrs. Inez Milner,  
Women's Editor



## Praying For Missionaries

"I wonder if you would have any ideas that would help enrich the prayer periods during our missionary meetings." This is the opening paragraph of a letter recently received. What is important in this ministry? Our Heavenly Father tells us in His Word (II Chronicles 7:14-15) of four things which must be cared for in the life of every believer if we are to have a *burden* to pray and if we are to have *power* in prayer. Without a *burden*, prayer will have little power and prayer without *power* avails little or nothing.

It really isn't fair to send missionaries forth and then fail to pray for them. Through our praying we are helping them to be "*infitted*" as well as "*outfitted*." Never has there been a greater need for real, earnest intercessory prayer. We are admonished to *pray* and not to faint. With the disciples of old we say. . . "Lord, teach us to pray!"

Now as to some suggestions for our Womens Groups' Prayer-time for missionaries. The missionaries supported wholly or partially by your church should be your first concern. Then, if you wish to take on other missionaries, contact one of our approved Mission Agencies. They would be happy to give you the names of missionaries experiencing special trials. The needs are many . . . they are terrific!

*As a Missionary Society . . .*

1. You can have a 9:30 morning prayer meeting each week on a certain day, semi-monthly or monthly. Have a Prayer Chairman elected along with your other officers. She should be an important member of the Executive Committee.
2. A workshop, and sewing guild can be an inspiration to greater prayer interest at which time the Prayer Chairman would present missionary letters emphasizing the needs and the victories. This can be given during the lunch period. Immediately following lunch, spend an hour praying. Team up in groups of two or three, just far enough apart to pray earnestly with-

out disturbing other groups or you can remain together as one large group and pray one after another.

3. There is telephone prayer time. This is when two people covenant to call one another on a certain morning or afternoon at a particular time to pray for a missionary. Let me suggest that you watch for "*answers*" and have a time for reporting to the other women as to what God has done.
4. If any of your missionaries has a birthday during the month, have their picture displayed prominently. You may have special decorations to fit their field of service. Purchase a nice birthday card for the missionary and have the women present sign it letting the missionary know that on that day you were praying for her (him).
5. Have you ever thought of missionary groups within your larger group? They do not have to meet at separate times but if it is better for your society — fine. You may give each group a different name . . . perhaps naming them after some missionary. Some have a day group, with an evening group for young mothers, using the same program and procedures as much as possible and meeting jointly two or three times during the year.
6. What do you do about devotionals? There is an endless amount of good devotional books available, but it seems that if our entire GARBC family would use "*My Devotion*" (Regular Baptist Press) as a FIRST (and whatever other devotionals as time permits) that God would signally bless our work. As much as possible this booklet should be in every home and used daily, *praying for the missionaries, the chaplains, the schools, and the GARBC personnel.* These are listed for prayer every day.

LADIES, we can do much to promote prayer for our missionaries! United prayer moves the arm of our

great God! These suggestions by themselves exhaust the ideas concerning our praying for missionaries. If you as a leader or member of a women's organization desire to share further thoughts, let us hear from you. Tell us what you are doing to bring answers to prayer in your meeting. "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust in Him." (Nahum 1:7) May the Lord bless you, dear prayer warrior!

## Annual Spring Rally

*What is on your mind?* April Fool day? Of course not — that's past! Our WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION SPRING RALLY!! We trust you are all wrapped up and deep in thought, planning for this *big day*. This is the day when most roads lead to Cleveland Heights . . . to Cedar Hill Baptist Church, 1260 Cedar Road — Tuesday, April 18. The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Our goal for the day is 1000. We can make it if YOU will be there! All we need to achieve this is for each one to bring or other person with them. These hours promise to be full of blessing. You cannot afford not being there. Dr. John G. Balyo will be speaking on "The New Morality." Mrs. Newland Pfaff will bring a challenge concerning Japan. Your Dime Banks should be in Mrs. O'Keefe's hands as soon as possible or on that day. Consult your church publicity. If overnight accommodations will help you to attend, please contact Mrs. George Milner, 2665 Canterbury Rd., Cleveland Heights — 44118. We'll see what we can do for you. See you in a few days — April 18th!

## RIDDLE FOR THE MONTH

*What was it God could do but did not?*

*Christ could not do.*

*But man did it and God was well pleased!*



(Concluded from page 5)

"Almost all new contacts at DVBS were already in another church and returned to their church after DVBS was over."

"The great amount of time building up to the school itself to my way of thinking is not justified by the results."

"The major teaching responsibility was put upon mothers with young children. Older mothers worked. Grandmothers said they were too old."

"DVBS turns out to be a baby sitting agency for the homes of the community."

"Our heaviest attendance is always in Pre-school and First Grade. The ones who should really get the Word and the benefit of the school are the young people and they refuse to come."

"The most ardent supporters of DVBS are usually those who don't participate in it."

"Everything that is going on in DVBS is already going on in some other department of the church."

"Children who come to church regularly are getting a good training in the Bible through the various departments and youth organizations as well as the preaching services and Wednesday night services, and if their parents are on the ball they will be getting daily training at home."

"Unless DVBS serves a unique objective that no other department of the church is doing, it is a waste of time and money."

"I would recommend that DVBS be stopped because I do not feel that the results warrant it as far as my own personal experiences are concerned."

HOMPSON:

"There is another method of reaching the unchurched children, that is some Bible Study Classes for children."

"I think these do a better job than DVBS because you have the children in classes regularly for a longer length of time."

ARVIN:

"We ought to re-examine our church year to see if we are putting our hard work in the right direction without unnecessary duplication."

"I dread every year when DVBS comes and I breathe a great sigh of relief when it is over."

"I'm even wondering if most churches that are fundamental have DVBS more because they are pressured into it and feel that if they

don't they are going to be branded apostate, or whether they really are sold on DVBS because it is effective and they feel they could not get along without one in their church."

"I do not believe my church would be going backward if we discontinued DVBS. I believe there are other ways which we could develop to get the Word out."

"A great deal of energy is expended pointing to these two strategic weeks of the year. If this kind of effort were put forth consistently through the whole year we would see some amazing things happen in our churches."

"It seems we just aim for these two great weeks and after the swell is over everything gets back to normal again."

"I don't think DVBS is doing the job it is supposed to be doing. This may be heresy in our Regular Baptist circles but this is how I feel."

"I don't think DVBS should be the sacred cow of Spring and Summer work; other things will get far more mileage and be far more effective as far as the Lord's work is concerned."

BOSWORTH:

"The thing I am questioning is if DVBS is dropped will anything be put in its place? I am convinced that in most cases it would not."

"Every emphasis we can put upon the teaching of the Bible to boys and girls is still not going to be enough. The little bit that we get to them, even though we would emphasize all the other areas of our churches' ministry, doesn't justify dropping DVBS which is doing a job that needs to be done."

CANTERBURY:

"I decided that I would interview personally as many of the children in the older classes in our 1966 DVBS as I had time to see. Brethren, I had the joy of my life. If you have found DVBS a time of dread, but like to win souls to Christ, I suggest you try this. We baptized six this past year out of DVBS."

WILLIAMS:

"If we take any area of our ministry and analyze it we can grow discouraged."

"I have spent a lot of hours calling in homes where I have been utterly frustrated because of TV, crying children, etc. I never taught a DVBS class yet when I did not feel at the end of the week that there had been positive results and lasting accomplishments."

BILLINGTON:

"Each to his own calling. I personally do not believe that I was called to conduct DVBS."

"I have had six DVBS Schools in Columbus and six of them were unsuccessful as far as I am concerned."

"I cannot at this moment recall having one soul won to Christ in six years through DVBS."

## Good Mission Project

The Ladies Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Niles met Feb. 1st for a day of sewing, business, prayer and fellowship. Their Missionary Cupboard is a project which they keep well filled, and dispense to missionaries who visit them. Visitors are invited to inspect the "Cupboard."

*Mrs. Margaret Barrett, Secy.*



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# Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don



Dave Truit



Doug Couch



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*TEEN TALK is something new and different. It is for the YOUNG PEOPLE! We hope to run it as a regular monthly feature. Pictured here are the men "behind the scenes!" Read this introductory article . . . and like "Dave, Doug and Don" say . . . "Send in your questions!" DO IT NOW!*

Say teenagers, have you any questions on your minds for which you would like straight answers? Something bugging you about life, love, liberty or what have you? If so, here's a chance to get it answered, to express yourself and get it printed. A new column called "TEEN TALK" will be devoted exclusively to YOUR questions. All questions will be held in the strictest confidence and no names will be printed unless with permission.

Your panel consists of Dave Truit,

Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church, Elyria, Pastor Doug Couch, Grace Baptist Church, Westlake and Don Krueger, Minister of Youth and Music, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Lorain. The answers to your questions will be illustrated with clever cartoons. Our cartoonist is Gene Fairchild of Mentor, Ohio. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Painesville.

This is YOUR column teenager! Your questions will be read by many others. By writing in you may encourage others to air their problems. Address all mail to "TEEN TALK," Box No. 2912, Rocky River, Ohio — 44116. For the first month all young people who write will receive *free* the book "COME ALIVE," a special teen age edition of the book of Romans from LIVING LETTERS. Be sure to put your return address on your letter!

## Let Us STOP A False Rumor!

Rumors have a way of hurting people. Somewhere along the way the word got around that our brother Rev. Edward Morrell, Jr. is no longer engaged in evangelism. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE! Ed is very much holding forth in the field of evangelism and would appreciate an opportunity to minister wherever the Lord gives an open door. Those who have had our brother for meetings recommend him highly.

Once again let us list the names of those evangelists who (to our knowledge) are members of OARBC churches and are doing an excellent

job for the Lord. We can highly recommend any one of these men. We list them alphabetically.

Rev. Edward Morrell, Jr.  
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Rev. Chelsea Stockwell  
P. O. Box No. 344  
Cedarville, Ohio — 45314

Rev. Don Winters  
150 Binns Blvd.  
Columbus, Ohio — 43204

## ANSWER TO RIDDLE

*The Baptism of Jesus*

## Revival At People's Baptist Church

The folk at People's Baptist in Brunswick are rejoicing in the greatest revival they've ever experienced as a church. Rev. Mel Grubaugh of First Baptist in Streetsboro did the preaching. Pastor Goodwin reports 17 decisions for salvation and over 30 rededications of life!

## Keen Interest In Bible Study Course

A large number of the members of the Fairfield Baptist Church, Thurston are presently enrolled in Bible Study in the Gospel of John and Bible Doctrine. These courses are administered and graded by the Appalachian Bible Institute of Bradley West Va. Along with these studies Pastor Canterbury is also giving special instruction on visitation. The church is looking forward to special meetings conducted by Evangelist Chelsea Stockwell, April 2-9.

## "Fabulous" Meetings In Columbus

A most "fabulous" week of meetings with the Hal Webb Evangelist Team has been reported by the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus. There was an average attendance of 230 at each service with 55 decisions for Christ. Opportunity was given to speak in two High School assemblies before 2300 young people. They also appeared on Channel 6 TV for fifteen minutes with over a million viewers.

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# Christian Education

By Mrs. Earl Umbaugh

## CONCERNING TRACTS

"Well, Ben, how did you like that tract  
I gave to you one day?"  
The Country Parson asked his man  
Who kept the weeds away.

"Ah, Parson, it was jes' for me,  
Hit sure did me some good  
I couldn't tell why call 'em tracks  
But now I'm sure I could.

"For when I read that little book  
Hit track me everywhere;  
Hit track me down de cellar steps,  
Hit track me up de stair.

"Hit track me right out to de barn —  
'Nen to de house hit come:  
Hit track me all aroun' the farm —  
At las' — hit track me home.

"Hit track me till I 'fessed my sins —  
Took dat I stole right back:  
Hit done has tracked me to de Lawd —  
God bless yo' for dat Track!

"I jes' about'n wore hit out —  
But — did yo' wan' it back?  
Hits trackin' Mandy! An I knows  
Jes' why you call hit 'track.'"

by Effie O. Foss

Tract distribution is a means of making a witness for Jesus Christ. This can be done by young and old alike. Even the newborn Christian can use this method very effectively. Use a Sunday evening youth meeting as a time to study one or two good tracts. Then provide a good supply of each and encourage your group to distribute them systematically in a "Neighborhood Invasion" at a Shopping Center some Friday evening or Saturday afternoon. On the succeeding Sunday evening have a report hour telling of the experiences they had in doing this.

Your Youth Group might prepare and finance a Tract rack in a nearby Airport, Railroad or Bus Station or Hospital Waiting Room. If this is undertaken it must be *thoroughly cleaned and filled*. Tracts can be given out at school, at the market, in restaurants, on street cars and buses.

Give out tracts expecting God to bless His Word. You may see nothing for many years and then be surprised when you discover how the Lord has used this small effort for His service. Much of our witness is seed sowing. The Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 4:6-8 that one sows, one waters but it is God that gives the increase. In this life we may labor, suffer, pray and wait but God is working all the while. This Faithful One will not let you do it alone. He has promised to be with you. . . . Only be faithful and pray much.

Do you know of a less expensive method of spreading the Gospel? Many tracts may be obtained free. Others may be purchased for a few cents per hundred copies.



Do you know of a surer way of "sowing bountifully" and "reaping bountifully?" Someone may say, "I have seen a tract taken from an envelope and hurled into the wastebasket." Granted! But even then you cannot be positive that it is wasted. A janitress in New York City wrote to a tract distributor saying she had found a tract in a wastebasket and she liked it so well she sent for a quantity to distribute.

There are those who object to tract work because they have seen tracts on the sidewalks which were discarded by the recipients. True! Some of the tracts distributed may be wasted, but the work is abundantly worth-while making that allowance. (Luke 8:5-8) This is the way God works. Do we despair at ever having a maple tree because thousands, yes, millions, of the little seedlings float through the air and never take root and grow. Consider the dandelion fuzz seeds that float through air. Yes, God always sows more seed than brings forth fruit. He does not stop. God does the abundant. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." John 5:17

In our own State of Ohio this past month the writer heard the following testimony showing the result of a tract ministry. "A few weeks ago my friend Mrs. N and I were admiring the fall flowers and the changing autumn colors of the garden, Mrs. N said, 'Don't you just love the fall season? I think it's the nicest time of the year,' she said. I said, 'O, I don't know, it always seems depressing to me, the end of everything.' Then she spoke of the satisfaction there is in the harvest, the urgency, the bringing in of that last tender plant before frost. I said, 'I have always liked the spring season when everything is nice and green, the seed time.' Of course, our harvest depends on the kind of seed we plant, how well the soil is prepared, the control of the weeds and the sunshine and the rain. Several years ago when my husband was a milk man he brought home a crumpled, dirty piece of paper that he thought might be of interest to me. It had been discarded, walked upon but still precious seed. It was the little tract 'FOUR THINGS GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW.' The tract had probably been handed to someone the night before. It was like the seed in the parable. It fell by the wayside and was trodden down. But in God's providence it was picked up and carried to good ground where it took root and grew. The fallow ground of my heart had been broken up and prepared to receive the precious seed. It hasn't brought forth a hundred fold as yet but we have God's promise." Both the woman and her husband (the milk man) are now saved and living for Christ and serving actively in the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwalk.



# A Miracle of Grace

By Rev. Lynn Rogers

*Editor's Note:* Some time ago we were in a meeting where we heard our brother Rev. Lynn Rogers of the Northfield Baptist Church speak concerning this "Miracle of Grace" revealed in the following article. It is thrilling! You will want to read every word of it and particularly that which has developed subsequent to the writing of the same.

It's eleven thirty at night! Who would be calling at this hour? Mrs. C— was on the other end of the line hysterically crying that her husband was on the warpath threatening the whole family and she had fled to a neighbor's to call for help. "Stay right there, I'll be right out." When I arrived at the neighbor's, Mrs. C— was out of the home running to my car before I had the engine shut off. She said, "Pastor, you don't dare go to my house. My husband says you're the cause of all our trouble. He got out his gun and loaded it tonight, saying the next time he saw you he'd kill you."

That wasn't the first time unsaved husbands had threatened my life so I said, "Let's have prayer together and then we'll talk to your husband." Mrs. C— warned that the loaded gun was in the kitchen cupboard. We were not in the home five minutes until he got up from the living room couch, walked to the kitchen of their trailer home and took out the gun. I stayed nearly two hours trying to bring about some sort of family reconciliation. All this time he sat there with a gun at his side.

Later, one of our men asked me what I was doing on a given night at 1:00 a.m. (It was the very night I had been called to counsel this domestic problem.) He explained that he had not been able to sleep and he couldn't get me off his mind so he just prayed for me. I had all I could do to keep back the tears for I knew God had burdened him to pray. I was in desperate need!

Years slipped by. Many times the men of the church and I tried to reach Mr. C's— hard heart with the gospel, but to no avail. He was a master at changing the subject to

anything but the things of the Spirit. Then sickness came. Mr. C's— neck began to swell with a terrible looking tumor. The Sunday School Superintendent, David Ashenfelder, and I visited again. This time we came away feeling as though we were getting somewhere for the first time.

Two weeks slipped by and Dave called me on January 2nd (a holiday) to ask me to go with him to visit Mr. C— again. Although it was an inconvenient time and I hesitated going at first, we journeyed the thirty miles, picking up the C— family on the way. We didn't talk enroute. I think we were talking to the Lord asking Him to open this man's heart. The family visited Dad and husband first. Then Dave and I went in.

After we talked to Mr. C— about the spiritual condition of his heart, I asked him if he had read the booklet "What must I do to be Saved" we had left with him two weeks earlier. He indicated that he had. I asked if he had any questions. He didn't, so I put to him the importance of not putting off what he knew he ought to do. We bowed our heads to pray together and though he was reluctant to lead out at first, with some encouragement he began to pray.

What joy flooded our hearts as he said, among other things, "Lord, only You and I know what a wicked sinner I've been." He invited Jesus into his heart and life. When his wife and two young teenage children came by to say good-bye, he told them what he had just done. Needless to say, they were thrilled beyond words!

*Editor's Note:*

Having read the above, let me share with you a recent letter from Pastor Rogers . . . "In visiting Mr. Cochran (this is the full name of 'Mr. C')" since writing the article I have found additional information that thrills my heart. For one thing, he has been transferred from Ravenna to St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland. When they saw the case and began to look thoroughly into the beginning of this tumor, they called together about fifty doctors from hospitals in and around Cleveland. They came together for a consulta-

tion session with Mr. Cochran and their exhibit. After hearing the resume of his case read by one of the doctors, they proceeded to question him at great length. It appears now as though the tumor that was diagnosed, when he entered the hospital in Ravenna, as malignant (Life expectancy . . . TWO DAYS!) . . . has now been re-appraised and they are giving him some glimmer of hope. Of course the most thrilling thing is that he manifests Christian growth in nearly every visit. A visit just a week ago today with him broke me up so that I couldn't keep the tears from flowing down my cheeks. During our prayer together (I usually ask him to lead out in prayer) he really did some interceding for one of the men in the ward with him. He not only asked the Lord for mercy, but he asked the Lord for this man's soul and for wisdom how he might convey his faith in Christ to this man beside him.

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## Pastor With The Lord

Our brother Rev. Melvin E. Moore went to be with the Lord the early part of March. He was retired from B. F. Goodrich in 1961, after 32 years as a tire-builder. He then gave himself full time to the Swartz Road Baptist Church in Akron. We should be in prayer for his wife and family. His son, Denzil, is carrying on with the work at the church.

## Rittman Group Meets

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Rittman met Feb. 2nd with their husbands as invited guests. Rev. Charles Turner of the First Brethren Church presented pictures of South American missionary work.

The women are rolling bandages, making mattress covers for Camp Patmos, and clothing for Shepherd's Inc. The Valentine theme was carried out with missionary family names being given to all attending, for them to pray specifically for that family during the coming month.

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